

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2012
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:44PM

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this public meeting in a notice sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, posted on the Dumont website and the official bulletin board.

Roll Call: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Council members Freeman and Hayes-absent

Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept the agenda with the following changes: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Resolution #12-55-Eden Bergenfield Tax Appeal Settlement-tabled

Resolution #12-59-Appointment of Brooker Engineering as Borough Engineer-tabled

Resolution #12-66-Appointment of Steven Schechter, Esq. as Prosecutor-pulled

Resolution #12-72-Appointment Thomas Ciotti to Ethics Board-tabled

Resolution #12-75-Council meeting dates-tabled

Resolution #12-76-Re-appointment of Larry Bongard, Recycling Coordinator-tabled

Mr. Paster asked it be entered into the record that the pulled and tabled resolutions were agreed upon during the public executive portion.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the December 20, 2011 Executive Meeting minutes: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-abstained

Motion to approve the December 20, 2011 Public Meeting minutes: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-abstained

Motion to approve the January 17, 2012 Public Meeting minutes: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Mayor Kelly explained that the minutes for the Reorganization meeting were pulled by him because they were voluminous and he did not have a chance to completely go over them.

Councilman Carrick asked if there was something wrong with them to which the Mayor responded that he had some issues with them and wanted to re-read them again and present them again with possible amendments.

Administrator's Report

This past week there was a pre-construction meeting for the TwinBoro Field remediation. The contractor will be mobilizing tomorrow. The project is due to be completed by May 30th weather permitting.

Franchise fees from Cablevision in the amount of \$146,060, which was a decrease of \$5,089 from the amount received last year. The amount received from Fios was \$73,095 which was an increase of \$12,917.

Borough Hall and the DPW were included in the Clean Energy program through the State; there was a marked difference in the cost of electricity. Mr. Perkins requested that the State consider including the fire houses, which are privately owned, and the Library. In 2011, Company #1 was approved for the program. The project costs \$8,359.64, and is totally paid for by a grant.

The DPW bucket truck had an accident while doing tree removal. It was found that it had to be re-certified, which would cost more than \$23,000. The insurance company approved it and paid for everything.

The employee accidental policy renewal came up this year. This insures borough employees for travel. Following a review and removing employees who do not need this coverage, our premium went down from \$2,375 per year to \$950 per year.

Mr. Perkins attended a Clean Communities workshop. We will do all reporting online in the future. We will be working with the Environmental class at the high school as well as the Environmental Commission to do a cleanup. We have approximately \$25,000 for that and for shirts.

Safety incentives from JIF are a big push this year, particularly worker's compensation so we will be working with a JIF local representative to help with that.

Mr. Perkins presented the idea of looking into placing cameras at traffic lights, which would mean revenue from tickets for the town.

The Shade Tree Commission received two grants-one for \$7,000 to assist in the Borough Community Forestry Plan and the other from PSE&G in the amount of \$1,000 for planting maintenance and education through the Shade Tree Commission.

Tax Collection rate for 2011 is 98.66%, which is outstanding.

Household hazardous waste collection program dates for 2012 for Bergen County have been posted on the Borough website.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kelly thanked the DPW for the great job they did during our snow event. He also thanked the Police Department for the work they did during the incident on Grant Avenue, which turned out to be a hoax. The Mayor thanked Superintendent of Schools Manny Triggiano for his assistance with the students at Grant School during this incident.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#12-41 North Jersey Community Bank-Signature Authorization *

#12-42 TD Bank-Signature Authorization *

#12-43 Endorsement of “Read Across America” *

#12-44 Approval of David E Owens Middle School PTO On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle,
RL#356; ID#341-5-38317 *

#12-45 Approval of David E Owens Middle School PTO On-premise Merchandise Raffle,
RL #357; ID#341-5-38317 *

#12-46 John P. Perkins and Mary Winner-Reappoint as JIF Commissioners *

#12-47 John P. Perkins-Appoint as Clean Communities Coordinator-\$6,500 *

#12-48 John P. Perkins-Appoint as Affirmative Action Compliance Officer *

#12-49 Authorization of Bergen County Improvement Authority Bond Financing Program *

#12-50 Hire John Pampaloni as Wastewater Consultant for the year 2012 *

#12-51 Bills List *

#12-74 Approval of Lincoln School PTO On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held 4/14/12;
ID#109-530683; RL#360 *

#12-77 Approval of Honiss PTA Off-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held 3/31/12;
ID#109-534953; RL#358 *

#12-78 Approval of Lincoln School PTO On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held 4/14/12;
ID#109-530683; RL#359 *

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked the amounts of the PSE&G and Viridian bills on the bills list. He commented the PSE&G bill seems high.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Non-consent Agenda

#12-52 Appointment of Council Committees for the year 2012

Motion: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

No discussion

Roll call vote: Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou-yes

Councilwoman Zamechansky-no

#12-53 Appointment of Gregg Paster, Esq. as Borough Attorney for the year 2012

Motion: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-54 Appointment of Donald Holdsworth, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge

Motion: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-56 Appointment of Lerch, Vinci, Higgins as Borough Auditor for the year 2012

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-57 Appointment of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer as Borough Bond Counsel for 2012

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-58 Appointment of Brown & Brown as Risk Manager for the year 2012

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Carrick

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-60 Appointment Chasan, Leyner & Lamparello as Borough Labor Attorney for 2012

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-61 Appointment of McNerney & Associates as Appraiser for the year 2012

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-62 Appointment of Arcari & Iovino as Borough Architect for the year 2012

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-63 Appointment of Ronald Schmidt & Associates as Borough Historic Architect for 2012

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-64 Appointment of H2M Architects as Borough Planner for the year 2012

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-65 Appointment of Breslin & Breslin as Prosecutor for the year 2012

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-67 Appointment of Louis DeAngelis, Esq. as Public Defender for the year 2012

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Brophy-no

#12-68 Appointment of Florio & Kenny; Chasan, Leyner & Lamparello; Nowell, Amoroso, Klein & Bierman, Andrew Cimiluca, Esq.; Randall & Randall and Steven Schechter, Esq. as Special Counsel for the year 2012

Motion: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Councilman Brophy asked whether Mr. Schechter would be eligible for this position since he was not eligible as Prosecutor because he is a judge in another town. Mr. Paster responded that he is eligible to practice law.

Mr. Paster explained that these special counsel appointments are not awarded a contract unless they are needed for some reason. Therefore, it does not cost the Borough any money to just approve them.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

#12-69 Appointment of Remington & Vernick, T&M Associates, Maser Consulting, Alaimo Group; Boswell Engineering, Birdsall Services, Neglia Engineering and Matarazzo Engineering as Special Projects Engineers for the year 2012

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

No discussion.

Mr. Paster stated that these professionals are not awarded a contract unless needed.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

#12-70 Appointment of Robert Mancinelli, Esq. as Tax Appeal Attorney for the year 2012

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Councilman Stylianou explained that this firm lowered their hourly fee to \$120 per hour.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

#12-71 Appointment of Carmine DeMarco to the Board of Health

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

#12-73 Appointment of Joseph Woska as Tenant Member of Rent Leveling Board

Motion: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

No discussion.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCE

First Reading

#1439 Refunding bond ordinance providing for the refunding of certain general obligation bonds issued in connection with unfunded pension liabilities of the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, appropriating \$886,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$886,000 bonds of the borough for financing the cost thereof

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Councilman Carrick stated that he had requested a list of those who were involved in the buyout in 2003. Mayor Kelly responded that he will make sure he receives the information.

Administrator Perkins explained that this refinancing bond ordinance would save the Borough \$72,000.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion carried.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

1. Sabino Rodano, 111 Cresskill Avenue, asked about Resolution #12-70 and whether it is normal practice to contact professionals to request that they reduce their rate. He asked that since there was no comment made on other appointments made tonight, does it mean that nobody else was willing to “budge on their price”?

Mayor Kelly stated that if there is a professional they feel is better qualified but whose fees are higher, they might ask for a reduced rate. If they don't reduce their rate, they might still decide to appoint them because they are best for the town.

Councilman Stylianou stated that he personally looks at experience, cost; RFQ's are reviewed multiple times and everyone on the dais had either face to face or telephone interviews with most of the individuals. If someone's fee is slightly higher but they are more experienced, you go with the one best suited for the town.

2. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, state that the website has not been updated. He asked the Mayor if he planned on utilizing free ways of communicating with the Borough for more transparency. He asked if the Mayor has office hours.

The Mayor stated he and the new council members are working on getting their photos and bios to the Borough Clerk's office so their info can be inputted. He would like to make the website more user-friendly.

Mayor Kelly said he will be starting having office hours twice a month in March and also by appointment.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk